

# Adolescent Family Life Program

## Positive Youth Development

### (AFLP PYD) Grant

In September 2010, the California Department of Public Health, Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Division, was awarded \$2,000,000 per year for the Support for Pregnant and Parenting Teens and Women grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health. This three-year grant will improve and increase capacity of current services offered by the Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP) and the California Department of Education California School Age Families Education (Cal-SAFE) Program to assist pregnant and parenting teens.

This funding, in part, will be used for the promotion of Positive Youth Development (PYD) through reproductive life planning. The goals of the AFLP Positive Youth Development (PYD) intervention are to: support the health of the pregnant and parenting teens; reduce repeat pregnancies; improve graduation rates for pregnant and parenting teens; and improve linkages and creating networks for pregnant and parenting teens.

PYD is one strategy to prevent teen pregnancy by engaging youth in strengths-based opportunities which empower them to make civic contributions, sustain the practice of resilient lifestyles, and achieve healthy behaviors that provide for optimum health. These are important factors in instilling a belief in a successful future and motivation to delay future pregnancies and child bearing.

Local agencies will link with local Cal-SAFE Programs, a high-school based parenting program with childcare and developmental services that is known to have a positive effect on the parenting adolescent mothers.

The following agencies were selected to participate in the AFLP Positive Youth Development Project (see chart below). Sites were selected by their identification of local gaps in services available for pregnant and parenting teens and by the ranking on five health status indicators: teen birth, poverty rates, high school drop-out rates, chlamydia, rank of Hispanic adolescent population as a percentage of total adolescent population, as well as the quality of the application. Three agencies were also awarded additional funds for innovative strategies that can be replicated and incorporates the principles of PYD.

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### Grant Awards

<b>Awardees</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Innovative Strategy</b>
Tehama County	\$57,461	
Imperial County	\$71,607	
Merced County	\$92,221	
Madera County	\$93,775	
Alameda Co-Brighter Beginnings	\$98,007	\$10,000
San Joaquin County	\$117,730	
Ventura County	\$144,439	
Tulare County	\$168,449	
Kern Co-Clinica Sierra Vista	\$184,481	
Fresno Co	\$184,488	
LA-Foothill Family Services	\$201,670	\$10,000
Sutter Health		\$10,000